

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Jackson Robinson of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Jackson Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 1, 1937, to the late Fred Carlton Robinson and Nell Spivey Robinson, Thomas Robinson, a lifelong resident of Dayton, attended McCallie School in his youth and graduated from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served with valor and distinction as a First Lieutenant with the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, since 1966, he served with acumen and alacrity as the president and chairman of the board of his father's business, Robinson Manufacturing Company, and, for many years, he also served as a director of Dayton Bank & Trust; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of his community, Mr. Robinson participated in many distinguished organizations, dedicating his time and energies to the Dayton Regional Planning Commission, the Dayton Industrial Development Board, the Rhea County Quarterly Court, and the National Knitwear Manufacturers Association. He also served as a trustee of McCallie School and Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was an ardent supporter of the United Way of Rhea County, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Dayton Jaycees, for which he stood as president and by which he was named "Man of the Year" in 1964; and

WHEREAS, a man who held a deep respect for the outdoors, Thomas Robinson was a longtime director of the Suwannee River Field Trial Club and a former director of the National Field Trial Championship Association. In 2004, he was inducted into the National Field Trial Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was an active and devout lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Winifred "Winnie" Crouch Robinson; his four sons and their wives, Fred Robinson II and Kati Robinson, Patrick and Ashley Robinson, Albert and DeAnna Robinson, and Brian Robinson; his sister and her husband, Marguerite and Dr. Robert White; five grandchildren, Thomas Robinson II, Molly Robinson, Winnie Robinson, Wesley Robinson, and Stella Robinson; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Robinson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Jackson Robinson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Robinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.